RESOLUTION 2020-004 OF THE CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING SAFE REOPENING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Whereas the Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health is aware of legal challenges to the orders issued by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas the time has come for gradual reopening of activities limited by the Governor's orders, but a sudden and disorderly reopening of such activities could produce unnecessary health risks during this pandemic; and,

Whereas businesses and organizations wishing to resume more normal operations must do so gradually and must take care to implement social distancing and other safeguards so long as the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be controlled through effective vaccines and/or medications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health adopts the following policies:

Section 1: The primary role of Chelan-Douglas Health District regarding reopening is to work with our communities to assure that COVID-19 prevention measures are implemented effectively to the extent possible during the process of reopening.

Section 2: Chelan-Douglas Health District will continue to emphasize education and partnership with local businesses, organizations and families over enforcement whenever possible.

Section 3: In the event that the Governor's orders regarding COVID-19 are rendered invalid, Chelan-Douglas Health District will implement an orderly phased reopening process using stages comparable to those in the Governor's Safe Start Washington plan of May 4, 2020.

Section 4: When enforcement actions are needed to achieve safe reopening, after appropriate consultation and warnings are given, the enforcement procedures of the Chelan-Douglas Sanitary Code will be used in connection with any applicable orders issued under the statutory authority of the Chelan-Douglas Health Officer.

Section 5: So long as the Governor's orders are in effect, Health District staff who observe violations of the orders shall document and report such violations to State of Washington officials, who may then take such measures as they consider necessary.

RESOLVED this 26th day of May 2020.

APPROVED

Chair, Board of Health

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Barry Kling, Administrator